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Memorandum

TO : SAC (44-2386) DATE: 4/26/68

FROM : SA JOHN E. OGDEN

SUBJECT: MURKIN

On 4/22,23, and 24/68, attempts were made to interview JIMMIE D. GARNER, 107 14th Street, N. E., who is the manager of the roominghouse located at 113 1 Street, N. E. Prior interviews with GARNER have been set th on forms FD-302.

On each of the above occasions, it was readily observed that GARNER was in a highly intoxicated condition. From interviews with associates of GARNER, it was determined that GARNER has gone on these prolonged drinking binges on frequent occasions during the past two years. GARNER's sister, ROBBIE LEE GARNER, stated that her brother's drinking binges usually last eight or nine days.

Since it is not felt that GARNER's condition permits him to make responsible replies to questions asked, the results of these attempted interviews are not being set forth on forms FD-302. Some of the pertinent comments made by GARNER during these attempted interviews are set forth below for possible future use in interviews with him when in a sober condition:

On 4/22/68, GARNER said that when "GALT" came to GARNER's room at 107 14th Street, N. E., Sunday, 3/24/68, he (GARNER) was drunk and had been drinking over the entire weekend. He said "GALT" brought a bottle of vodka into GARNER's room and had some drinks with GARNER. He seems to recall that some time later, possibly Tuesday, he went to GALT's room at 113 14th Street, N. E. and had some drinks with "GALT" on this occasion. He could not say whether "GALT" brought the bottle of vodka to the room when he first came to see GARNER or whether he had to return to the car to get the bottle. He did not recall whether "GALT" was drinking vodka on this second occasion. He does not recall going any place with "GALT" but said someone (identity unknown) told GARNER he had seen GARNER with a man in a car and that this man might have been "GALT." GARNER said he personally has no recollection of this.

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GARNER acknowledged that he remained on a prolonged drunk during the entire first week of "GALT's" residence at 113 14th Street, N. E., and admits that all of his recollections concerning his association with "GALT" during this week are very hazy.

GARNER said he began to sober up on Sunday, 3/31/68, and on this day went to the roominghouse at 113 14th Street, N. E., to check on it. It was on this occasion that he met "GALT" in the hall and it was then that "GALT" told him he was going to stay another week and paid him $10.50 for another week's rent. GARNER said he realized at that time that he had not put "GALT's" name on his registration book, and it was then that he asked GALT to write his name on an envelope in order that he could have a record of his residence there.

GARNER does not recall ever seeing "GALT" after this but on the 4/23/68 attempted interview, he said he has some hazy recollection that he may have seen "GALT" after Sunday, 3/31/68, but cannot recall any of the details or circumstances. GARNER said he did not drink anything after 3/31/68, until Thursday or Friday, 4/18 or 19/68.

On 4/23/68, LARRY ROGERS was interviewed at 1052 Northside Drive, N. W., which is the Vista Cafeteria, operated by JIMMIE D. GARNER. ROGERS said he arrived at 107 14th Street, N. E., on Friday, 4/19/68, with his son and was en route to the East, having spent the last several months in California. In California, he resided at 737 West Lake St. and was employed at Christy's Lounge on 7th Avenue, Los Angeles, California. He is accompanied by his son, MARK, age 14, and just happened to stop at 107 14th Street, N. E. to work on his automobile. ROGERS is driving an old model Falcon, bearing 1968 Louisiana license 195B228, which he said that he purchased at New Orleans when the car in which he started from California broke down.

ROGERS said that Mr. GARNER offered him a free room at 107 14th Street, N. E., if he would stay and manage the restaurant for him for a few days. ROGERS said he agreed to this and in addition to his room and meals he is receiving $15.00 a day from GARNER. ROGERS said that GARNER has been drunk ever since he (ROGERS) arrived. ROGERS was shown photographs of Subject RAY, at which time he advised this individual was unknown to him. ROGERS noted that his home

is in Marion, Illinois, which he said is approximately 140 miles from Alton, Illinois.

On 4/23/68, PERRY LEE ZACKERY, 882 Fox Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia, was interviewed at the Vista Cafeteria where she is employed as a cook. ZACKERY said that Mr. JIMMIE D. GARNER usually opens the restaurant on Fridays and after the breakfast trade is over, he returns to 14th Street where he "pulls the linen" from the various rooms at the roominghouses which he operates there. She recalled that on 4/5/68, GARNER left the restaurant sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of going to the roominghouses to get the linen ready for the linen service to pick up. She said that when sufficient help is available at the restaurant, GARNER sometimes takes one of the waitresses to the roominghouses to get them to make up the beds for him; however, on 4/5/68, there was a shortage of help and no one accompanied him on this occasion. She recalled that later in the afternoon, 4/5/68, she and a colored woman named ANNIE (LNU) had gone to 107 and 113 14th Street, N. E. with GARNER to make up the beds. She noted that when GARNER does not take a maid with him, he does not make the beds but merely obtains the new linen as was done on this occasion. She said that she personally made up all of the beds in Building 107 and the upstairs of Building 113. The maid "ANNIE" made up the downstairs (which includes Room 2). ZACKERY said she does not recall being in any of the downstairs rooms at 113 14th Street on that date.

Photographs of the subject were displayed to ZACKERY, at which time she said she does not recall ever having seen this person.

With regard to "ANNIE", ZACKERY said this was the girl who was picked up on the street by GARNER to wash dishes at the restaurant, and she believes she lives some place "off Bankhead Avenue" but does not know her address or how to get in touch with her. ZACKERY agreed to make inquiries in an effort to locate "ANNIE" but when contacted again on 4/25/68, ZACKERY said she had not been able to locate her.

On 4/25/68, ANTHONY FLUTZ, Route 2, Box 101, Kennesaw, Georgia, an employee of the Atlanta Linen Company, advised that he is the individual who provides the

linen service at 107 and 113 14th Street, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia. He is acquainted with JIMMIE D. GARNER, who operates these roominghouses and notes that this is a "C.O.D." customer and no linen is to be left without a payment therefor. He said that on many occasions, they are unable to find anyone at these addresses on Fridays, but that when someone is there to meet them it is usually GARNER or another man about his height and age who helps Mr. GARNER on occasion (this individual is probably FRANK MC SHERRY). FLUTZ said he cannot specifically recall Friday, 4/5/68, but knows that he did deliver linen at these addresses on that date. FLUTZ said it is not his practice to enter the roominghouse at 113 14th St., N. E., but usually collects all the linen from a pile which is left in the entry hall at 107 14th Street.

Photographs of the subject were displayed to FLUTZ, and he said he does not ever recall having seen this person and, in fact, rarely ever sees any of the tenants at these addresses.

FRANK MC SHERRY, 901 Argonne Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia, interviewed on 4/22 and 25/68:

MC SHERRY said that he has known JIMMIE D. GARNER for about 15 years, having formerly been a roomer at the roominghouse run by GARNER on the corner of 14th and Peachtree Streets. MC SHERRY noted that GARNER has a serious drinking problem and although he was "on the wagon" for about four years, he began drinking heavily again about two years ago. More recently, MC SHERRY has been helping GARNER at the restaurant but has been unable to assist him during the current week due to a foot injury. He is aware that GARNER began another drinking binge on the weekend of 4/20/68, and is still in a highly intoxicated condition as of 4/25/68. MC SHERRY said that on occasion he assists GARNER at the roominghouse. MC SHERRY said that he does not recall ever having seen the individual who rented Room 2 at 113 14th St., N. E. during the last week in March and the first week of April, 1968. He said he had no contact at 113 14th Street during this period. Photographs of subject were displayed to MC SHERRY, at which time he advised that he does not recall ever having seen this person. He further

advised that prior to the time that Agents began to talk to GARNER concerning his tenants, he had never heard GARNER mention the name "GALT" and did not know that such a person was a tenant at the roominghouse.

On 4/24/68, ROBBIE LEE GARNER, Apartment D-8, 1295 Donnelly Avenue, S. W., was reinterviewed at the Vista Cafeteria, 1052 Northside Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. Miss GARNER said that her brother, JIMMIE D. GARNER, has a serious drinking problem and has been on a current drinking binge since about Friday, 4/19/68. Miss GARNER said she had taken the keys from her brother's car so he could not drive it, and it was noted that the 1954 Pontiac belonging to GARNER was parked in front of the Vista Cafeteria at this time.

Miss GARNER provided no significant information in addition to that provided during her interview on 4/15/68.